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Strike on Waterfront Postponed in Attempt To Continue Parleys

A last-minute move on the part of the maritime unions looking to a possible agreement through negotiations with twenty-six major Eastern shipping firms, which recently made overtures to the Longshoremen's Union, resulted in the postponement of the scheduled strike of approximately forty thousand workers at midnight Wednesday last.

The postponement followed understandings between the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, the Marine Firemen and the operators of coastwise steam schooners. The suggestion of the postponement for at least twelve hours was submitted to the unions involved by Harry Bridges, chairman of the joint negotiation committee, a few minutes before midnight Wednesday, in the hope that a permanent peace could be agreed to in another day of "genuine negotiations."

Scope of Possible Strike

It was reported on the waterfront that in the event of a strike only four West Coast lines would be involved, these being the Dollar, Matson, American-Hawaiian and Swayne & Hoyt.

It was announced that complete agreement had been reached between coastwise operators and the Sailors' and Firemen's unions, providing for preferential employment, with crews to be furnished by the unions, an increase in wages of \$10, or \$80 a month, and cash overtime of 80 cents an hour, an increase of 10 cents. It was also expected that the differences between the cooks and stewards and the operators would be settled by agreement.

Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. McGrady had been in touch with Washington throughout the last few days in a strenuous effort to avert the strike, and will continue his efforts to bring the disputants to agreement.

Admiral H. G. Hamlet, representative of the Maritime Commission, was reported to be going ahead with plans for the scheduled public hearing on the controversy, and apparently was taking no part in the negotiations between the unions and the shipowners.

Mayor Places Responsibility

Mayor Rossi made public the following communication which he had addressed to the Maritime Commission in Washington:

"As mayor of San Francisco and in behalf of all its people, and in the interests of the welfare of this entire region, I respectfully call upon you at this time for such action as will avert the strike of maritime unions and longshoremen now set for tonight at this port.

"Formal notice of the decision to strike was furnished you in a telegram from maritime unions on Monday, October 26, in response to your telegram declaring your commission now fully invested in all power and authority conferred upon it under this act and announcing your intention to use these full powers to preserve the rights of both shipowners and personnel.

"Preservation of these rights is important. The preservation of the public's rights is still most important and is paramount in this issue.

"On October 31 I issued a statement in my official capacity approving fully your intervention in

this critical situation and the responsibility which you thereby assumed. This responsibility was then and is now in your hands. It is therefore not only proper but my duty and obligation as mayor of San Francisco to point out to you the necessity for such immediate action under your power as will prevent the impending strike and its consequent enormous damage to our people."

Public Warned Against Fake Union Labels and Advertising Schemes

I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, has issued a warning against fake "union labels" and unauthorized posters of "union-made" goods. Several spurious labels are coming on the market, and one fly-by-night group is soliciting advertisements from union label manufacturers for a poster displaying union-made goods.

Owing to the great popularity of the union label and the success of the Department in the promotion of the authentic union label, shop card and button, many imitators may be expected in the field.

HOLIDAY EMPLOYMENT

Approximately two thousand men and women are expected to be hired for sales jobs by local retail stores through the state employment service between November 1 and December 15, according to Mrs. Marie Bolton, supervisor of the retail trades department.

Recommendations on Ballot Propositions

Made by San Francisco Labor Council for
General State Election to Be Held
Tuesday, November 3, 1936

STATE PROPOSITIONS

Number	Title	Recommendation
2.	Personal Income Taxes.....	Vote NO
3.	Liquor Control	" NO
5.	Los Angeles County Exposition Bonds	" YES
6.	Amending Los Angeles City Charter	" YES
7.	County and Municipal Service.	" NO
8.	Registration of Voters.....	" YES
9.	Intoxicating Liquors	" NO
10.	Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes and License Fees	" YES
11.	Instructors' Tenure	" YES
12.	Establishes Court of Criminal Appeals	" YES
14.	Consolidated City and County Government	" YES
18.	Oleomargarine Tax	" NO
19.	Legislative Printing	" YES
23.	Public Service Commission...	" NO
24.	Charters of Cities and Counties	" YES

LOCAL PROPOSITION

1.	(Last of Ballot Propositions) Selection of Superior Court Judges	" NO
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EDWARD D. VANDELEUR, President.
JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

Federation Committee Announces Readiness To Confer With C. I. O.

The committee set up by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to confer with the committee representing the organizations holding membership in the Committee for Industrial Organization for the purpose of exploring the possibilities of reconciliation and of terminating the split within the A. F. of L. caused by the establishment and activities of the C. I. O. has notified Max Zaritsky, president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers' International Union, that it was ready to proceed with the conferences authorized by the council.

The action of the A. F. of L. executive council in appointing the committee was taken in response to a request of the convention of the Hatters' Union, recently held in New York, and transmitted to the council by Zaritsky.

Make-up of Committee

The A. F. of L. committee consists of George M. Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; Felix Knight, president of the Railway Carmen of America, and Matthew Woll of the International Photo-Engravers' Union.

The letter of the A. F. of L. committee to Zaritsky was intended for transmission to the organizations affiliated with the C. I. O. The letter said the committee was ready to enter into conference without delay and without commitments and stipulations with any one or more of all of the organizations associated with the C. I. O. to discuss the questions at issue, "including the complete restoration of the former status of the organizations associated with the Committee for Industrial Organization."

Woll said that "the next move is up to our friends on the other side," adding: "The executive council and its committee have shown a most conciliatory attitude. We are now waiting for the C. I. O. to name its committee. I feel certain that once we get around the table an agreement will be facilitated. Where there is a will there is a way."

Door for Negotiations Opened

Zaritsky stated that he had transmitted the letter of the A. F. of L. committee to all members of the C. I. O., and that he looked forward to the prompt appointment of a committee by the C. I. O. to enter into negotiations with the committee representing the A. F. of L. executive council.

"The door for negotiations has been, I feel, opened wide," Zaritsky wrote. "I hope every effort will be made to keep it open and unobstructed to the end that peace and harmony in our movement may be fully restored with the least possible delay and to the permanent benefit of all workers organized and unorganized."

"It would be unfortunate if the existing rift in the ranks of American labor should be made permanent because a formula for the restoration of peace can not be found," Zaritsky continued. "It would be doubly unfortunate if the break should become permanent not because a basis for peace could not be found, but because of a delay in obtaining a conference at which peace terms can be discussed."

Santa Rosa Vigilantes Are Acquitted by Jury

A Sonoma County jury in Superior Judge Arthur Coats' court at Santa Rosa last Monday acquitted six men charged with participation in the celebrated Santa Rosa "tar and feather" party.

Originally there were twenty-three defendants. Before the case went to the jury the names of all but six were stricken out.

Judge Coats granted the motion on the ground that they had been linked with the mob which tarred and feathered the two men only as spectators.

Prosecution Motion Denied

Judge Coats denied a prosecution motion that all testimony concerning the Communist party of America and the affiliation with it of the complaining witnesses be stricken from the records.

In support of the motion, Ralph O. Marron, deputy prosecutor, argued this testimony had been introduced by defense counsel as groundwork for an effort to prove the defendants intended to arrest the mob victims, and declared there was no evidence to show an arrest actually had been intended.

Admitting there was no evidence of an intended arrest, Judge Coats said it was for the jury to determine whether the testimony concerning communism should be considered.

That possible affiliation of the mob victims with the Communist party was of "no concern in this case" was the contention of E. B. Power, assistant attorney general, as he opened the state's final argument.

Lawyers Are Facetious

"If there are any Democrats among you," retorted Defense Attorney Clarence J. Tauzer in his final arguments, "you're American Democrats, not Soviet Democrats."

"There has been a great deal of talk about Americanism in this trial," said Marron. "Has Sonoma seceded from the United States? Is it Spain or

Russia? These defendants know they are guilty. Neither they nor their attorneys have denied that a conspiracy existed."

"There is a strong case of conspiracy to kidnap against these defendants. One of them, Casselberry, has admitted it and the others have admitted it by not denying it," said Mr. Power of the prosecution.

BUILDING INDUSTRY REVIVAL

Building permits in the eighty-nine largest cities in ten Western states and British Columbia increased 109.74 per cent last month, when compared with September, 1935, the Western Monthly Building Survey, prepared by H. R. Baker & Co., reports. Los Angeles continued to hold its first place in building activity on the Pacific Coast last month. Second place went from Denver to San Francisco; Long Beach held third place. The report showed total permits of 12,023 last month, aggregating \$18,532,443, as compared with 8732 permits, totaling \$8,835,641, for the same month last year.

PACKERS GRANT INCREASES

Chicago's four major packing companies have announced 7 per cent wage increases, effective next Monday, for an estimated 80,000 employees.

New Maritime Board

The new Maritime Commission, which came into full power last Monday, takes its place alongside the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Power and Communications Commission in regulating United States industry.

In addition to having wide powers to prescribe minimum wages and working conditions, it has authority to adjust and cancel all existing ocean mail contracts not later than June 30, 1937, and to substitute direct operating subsidies; authority to promote America's merchant marine through construction subsidies, and authority to regulate rates, routes, conditions of competition and certain financial arrangements.

The new commission acquires the powers formerly held by the United States Shipping Board, the property and assets of the Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation, and the money appropriated under the merchant marine act. Money from these sources and the Post Office Department's ocean mail subsidies will give it a fund of nearly \$100,000,000 to administer as soon as book transfers are made.

Supreme Court to Rule On Wagner Labor Act

A United States Supreme Court review of "new deal" labor legislation before the end of the year was assured this week when the high tribunal accepted two challenges of the constitutionality of the Wagner Labor Act.

The court accepted the appeal of the Associated Press from a Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the act was constitutional.

The court accepted, also, a second test of the labor act, involving an appeal by the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company from a decision by the National Labor Relations Board.

Associated Press Case

The N.L.R.B., which is a party to the suit, and Solicitor General Stanley Reed joined with the Associated Press in asking the court to act.

The Associated Press case grew out of its action in discharging Morris Watson, a veteran reporter, allegedly for activity in the American Newspaper Guild. The N.L.R.B., acting on complaint of the Guild, ordered the press association to reinstate Watson with back pay for the time his earnings had been reduced and eliminated as a result of his discharge.

It also ordered the Associated Press to desist from discouraging membership in the Guild, or coercing, restraining or interfering with employees in organization.

The Associated Press fought the case on constitutional grounds. It asserted it was not engaged in interstate commerce and therefore was not subject to federal regulation since its news is produced entirely within the lines of a state and only later moves into the stream of interstate commerce.

Lower Court's Ruling

It asserted the law, as applied to it, was arbitrary and violated the freedom of the press.

The board's orders were appealed directly to the Second Circuit Court of New York, which held that the company was in the "throat" of interstate commerce and therefore subject to the law.

The coach company case was similar.

WILL ARBITRATE DIFFERENCES

A threatened strike of nearly 300 workers at the Great Western Electro Chemical plant at Pittsburg, Calif., was called off this week. The men agreed to arbitrate dismissal of an employee.

INDORSEMENT FOR ORGANIZER

The San Diego Federated Trades Council has voted to request the A. F. of L. to appoint C. J. Hyans to the position of organizer, a post left vacant by the recent resignation of Joseph M. Casey. Hyans is a representative of the Bill Posters and Billers' Union in Los Angeles and a former assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council there.

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To Appoint Committee To End Lettuce Strike

Striking Salinas lettuce workers have taken a step toward direct negotiation of their difficulties with the Grower-Shippers' Association by authorizing a committee of five members to draw up peace proposals and to act for the entire union.

The committee is to consult with Alfred Aram, State Federation of Labor attorney, and draw up terms of a settlement to be proposed to the Grower-Shippers, it was learned. Aram is to be spokesman for the group.

The action, considered the most definite move for peace yet taken by the strikers, came at a special meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union, which voted full confidence in Aram.

Four strikers arrested during the numerous disturbances of the strike have been found guilty by Police Judge Garth Lacey.

Salinas strikers who are given W.P.A. jobs on Monterey projects will not lose those jobs if they are offered work in lettuce sheds under strike conditions and refuse to accept.

This statement was made by Ralph G. Wadsworth, acting Works Progress Administrator in the absence of Frank Y. McLaughlin, administrator.

Schools Take Prominent Part in Activities of Community Chest

Public schools of San Francisco are co-operating in numerous effective ways to assure success of the 1936 Community Chest campaign, according to W. P. F. Brawner, chairman of the campaign committee. Students at the various junior high schools are in charge of weekly radio broadcasts dramatizing the work of Chest agencies. This novel series, entitled "Pioneers of Service," will continue every Thursday up to and including December 10. The station is KYA and the hour is 1:45 p. m.

Community Chest programs are being held in all grammar schools, and students from the high schools are among the speakers at these gatherings. Playlets also are presented. Groups of school children are visiting various agencies to learn firsthand of the humanitarian work being accomplished.

Another activity is the making of toys for the youngsters in the agencies.

The schools committee of the Community Chest, responsible for this co-operation, is headed by Superintendent of Schools J. P. Nourse as honorary chairman, while the active chairman is C. Harold Caulfield, president of the Board of Education. Vice-chairmen are A. J. Cloud, president of San Francisco Junior College; Miss Bertha E. Roberts, deputy superintendent of schools, and J. C. McGlade, also deputy superintendent.

United Automobile Workers Make Pact With Chrysler Corporation

The United Automobile Workers of America hailed an agreement with the Chrysler Motor Corporation as having averted a possible strike at the Dodge plant at Detroit, Mich.

The agreement was announced by Richard T. Frankenstein, organizer in the Detroit area.

The agreement was made following a conference between union and Chrysler Corporation officials and involved a seniority problem which has arisen at the Dodge plant, where seven of the eleven local U. A. W. A. unions had voted to strike if the matter was not settled.

According to union officials the corporation had notified several employees by letter, during the seasonal lay-off, that they would not be needed when the plant started production of 1937 automobiles. The union charged that several of the workers released were union members and that the

notice of dismissal violated the terms of an agreement made between the automobile company and the Automobile Labor Board.

In its agreement, announced to the union by Herman Wechler, vice-president of the Chrysler Corporation, the company agreed to take all the men back as well as the possible reinstatement of three other men who, the union declared, had been discharged for organization activity.

Pennsylvania Road Recognizes Brotherhood of Railway Clerks

The Pennsylvania Railroad announces that it has recognized the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, an American Federation of Labor affiliate, as the bargaining agency for its 21,000 clerks.

Under terms of the agreement the A. F. of L. union will take over and continue for the time being the contracts between the company and two former company unions.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has long been a bitter opponent of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, which in recent months has been conducting an intensive organizing campaign among the road's employees. A large proportion of the company union's members joined the Brotherhood, with the result that the company union has stepped aside and the Pennsylvania management has bowed to the inevitable and recognized the bona fide union.

WOMAN KILLED BY ONE-MAN CAR

Mrs. Neilsino Sorensen, 77, of 711 Gerrard street, who was struck Sunday afternoon by an inbound one-man Market Street Railway car of the No. 25 line at the intersection of Paul street and San Bruno avenue, died Monday night at Mission Emergency Hospital of a fractured skull.

"One-Man Car" Ruling Is Again Before Court

Carmen's Union No. 518, in conjunction with the City of San Francisco, is making an effort to reopen the case against the Market Street Railway involving the latter's right to operate "one-man" cars despite the expressed will of the people of San Francisco against that system of transportation.

It will be recalled that Federal District Judge Louderback invalidated the city ordinance prohibiting operation of "one-man" cars in San Francisco, and refused to grant a rehearing. An appeal was taken to the United States Court of Appeals.

Application was again made to Judge Louderback this week to reopen the case.

City and union attorneys contend Judge Louderback erred when he held he had no jurisdiction because of the pending appeal, because he ruled the court terms had expired and because the city's affidavits were merely cumulative of the original evidence.

The best way to keep millions on a dole is to continue to sell unfair commodities, Mr. Merchant!

Men Rushed to Trial Over Counsels' Protest

Charged with the murder of George W. Alberts, chief engineer of the freighter Point Lobos, at the Encinal terminal in Alameda last March, four members of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Water-tenders and Wipers' Association were called for trial before Judge Frank M. Ogden in Oakland this week.

The four accused are E. H. King, secretary of the union; E. G. H. Ramsay, patrolman for the union; Frank J. Conner, former ship's delegate, and George Wallace, union member.

Members of the various maritime unions are convinced that the men are victims of a "frame-up" and are raising funds to defend the accused men.

The trial was ordered to proceed over the protests of Myron Harris and George Anderson, two of the defense counsel, who declared they were unable to locate important witnesses.

In addition to Harris and Anderson, Public Defender Willard Shea, counsel for Wallace, Attorney Warren and his chief deputy, Ralph Hoyt, appear for the state.

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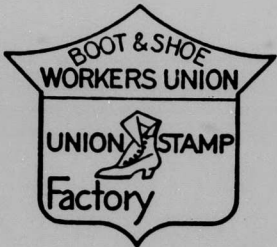
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Labor and Politics

Next Tuesday the people of the United States will go to the polling booths and express their choice for President of the United States and for many state and local officials, terminating a national campaign which has seldom been exceeded in interest.

The attitude of labor has to some extent puzzled those who are unacquainted with the policies and traditions of the unions comprising the American Federation of Labor. With overwhelming numbers of their members supporting and advocating the re-election of the President, technically the organizations have assumed in numerous instances a non-partisan attitude. This is because trade unions are not organized along political lines; and while many local and international unions have indorsed and worked for Roosevelt's re-election, others have thought it right and proper to respect the rights of minorities and abstain from political action.

The American Federation of Labor, following its traditional policy, has refrained from actually indorsing the Democratic candidate; but it has, as is customary, issued a record of his activities as President and governor of New York so far as it concerns the welfare of labor, and has pronounced it "entirely favorable." Also the record of his Republican opponent as governor of Kansas has been presented without comment.

The interpretation of the American Federation of Labor's political policy with reference to the two candidates is left to the judgment of individual members. That policy is, "Stand faithfully by our friends and elect them; oppose our enemies and defeat them." That William Green and John L. Lewis, and lesser lights in the world of labor, have themselves interpreted that policy is revealed by the fact that they have taken the stump for Roosevelt.

A Good Step Forward

The September issue of the "Motorman, Conductor and Motor Coach Operator," official magazine of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, contains a story which has about half a dozen morals, the first of which is that unionism pays. It deals with the protection of workers who are thrown out by mergers or other changes over which they have no control, and gives an example, thus:

"This situation arose recently in Bloomington, Ill. The Illinois Power and Light Company announced that the management of the street railway system was to be changed and that bus service was to be substituted for trolleys. Realizing that this would be a severe blow to the senior members of Division 752 of the Amalgamated Association, the officers of this division insisted that some provision

be made to pay a displacement allowance to those members who would be unable to qualify for bus work due to age or disability. Some of the men on this system have been employed as long as thirty-three years, and twenty-six of them have service records of twenty years or more. Division 752 filed a petition with the Illinois Commerce Commission requesting that when an employee with twenty years' service becomes disabled or cannot qualify he be paid a dismissal allowance of \$1000, with an additional \$50 for each year beyond fifteen.

"After extended negotiation the retiring management agreed to accept the demands of the union employees. Veteran operators who fail to qualify for bus work will receive cash sums up to \$1500; those who have been in service thirty years or more or who are 65 years or over will receive the equivalent of ten months' pay."

Thus one more step is taken in the direction of social security. Men who work for wages should never be satisfied until all industries recognize and act on the doctrine that a long-term worker has earned the right to be supported, at least in considerable part, by the industry to which he has given the best years and efforts of his life.

The railroad unions have pretty nearly written this doctrine into the book of railroad management. Now comes the Amalgamated, and brings at least one utility company into line. May the spreading of this gospel speed.

Recovery and Dirty Faces

Most reliable index of general business conditions in Pittsburgh is how dirty people's faces are. By last week with steel production touching a new recovery high (75 per cent of capacity) Pittsburghers were good and grimy. Boomtime crowds swarmed the narrow streets of the Golden Triangle, Pittsburgh's famed business and shopping district at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers.

More men were at work in the endless miles of steel mills than in magic 1929. In smoky Homestead the relief office closed down last month for lack of patronage. More automobiles were sold in Allegheny County in the first six months of 1936 than in any other half-year on record. For the first time since the war Connellsville's 38,900 beehive coke ovens, now obsolete, were pouring soot into the murky atmosphere because the steel companies, short of steel scrap, needed more coke to make pig iron. Dispossessed residents of the ovens got jobs coking in what had been their only depression shelter.

Happy steel executives were predicting an operative rate of 85 per cent before the year end. United States Steel Corporation proposed to share its Pittsburgh prosperity with Birmingham, Ala., by announcing a \$29,000,000 tin plate mill for its subsidiary, Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company. Cheered were Pittsburgh police when they picked up a 20-year-old California vagrant who explained his presence: "I heard there was a boom in Pittsburgh."—"Time."

Building Up Sympathy for Reds

Terre Haute, Indiana, has made itself, for the time, at least, the capital of American fascism.

When Earl Brower, Communist candidate for President, went to Terre Haute the first time to speak in his own behalf he was arrested and held in jail till the date that he was to speak had passed. When he tried again, an organized mob packed the steps of the building in which he was to speak, and would not let him in. And when he drove away his taxi door was wrenched open and the interior deluged with rotten tomatoes.

How reminiscent this is of the breaking up of opposition meetings in Italy in 1922, and the pouring of castor oil down the throats of opposition speakers!

Communism never can gain headway in the United States without the advertising and sympathy engendered by such silly outrages as this at

Terre Haute. Twenty people have read Browder's name since his arrest to every one who had heard of him before. American fascists are not merely brutal. They are also incredible fools.

Sixteen minutes after their case was submitted to the jury a verdict was returned acquitting the six men charged with outrages against two men whose only offense was that they were trying to organize agricultural workers in Sonoma County. And the defense attorney in his closing argument to the jury, declared, "I am proud of every one of these defendants." Imagine an officer of the court of justice being proud of men admittedly members of a cowardly mob which beat, tarred and feathered two men who were exercising rights guaranteed them by the Constitution of the United States!

Additional units or reconstruction of twelve public schools, raising of O'Shaughnessy Dam 85.5 feet, extensive pipe lines, high pressure water system, piers, wharfs and bulkheads, the 1939 Exposition fill, street and sidewalk improvements—there are a few of the lasting civic improvements requested and approved by the city and representing a total expenditure of \$34,827,442 that has been made possible for San Francisco by federal aid through P.W.A. grants and loans totaling \$13,500,000. The figures were made public by A. D. Wilder, state director of the P.W.A.

It is a misdemeanor, punishable by \$500 fine, six months in jail, or both, for an employer to charge any part of the cost of his workmen's compensation insurance to any of his employees. Any employer in California who attempts to deduct in whole or in part a sum with which to pay premium for workmen's compensation insurance that must be carried on an employee is violating Section 30a of the Workmen's Compensation Act, declares Charles A. Son, Los Angeles member of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

One of the most startling evidences of industrial recovery in the State of California is contained in a report of the bureau of the census, which reveals that in 1935 retail sales in the state were \$3,312,183,000, in 100,911 stores. This is compared to \$1,692,879,000, in 89,554 stores, in 1933.

The earliest declaration of the American Federation of Labor in favor of a non-partisan political policy was a statement urging the election of labor's friends and the defeat of its enemies issued by the Federation's legislative committee in 1882.

It is scarcely to be wondered at that the Santa Rosa jury acquitted the defendants in the tar and feather case. The attorney general's deputies assumed an almost apologetic attitude in their "prosecution" of the case.

The 1936 convention of the American Federation of Labor will be called to order at 10 a. m. Monday, November 16, in the Municipal Auditorium at Tampa, Fla.

The world can be at peace only if its life is stable, and there can be no stability where there is not tranquillity of spirit and a sense of justice, of freedom and of right.—Woodrow Wilson.

ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION

Unless the organized workers of the world can assist themselves on the side of peace and sanity in this new international crisis, war is almost inevitable sooner or later. There is nothing more important in the world today than the rapid increase in power of the organized labor movement. Political power sufficient to correct the social injustice and prevent war can only be achieved through extending the economic organization of the working class.—John W. Edelman, research director, American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

Report of Delegates of the San Francisco Labor Council

To Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of California State Federation of Labor, Sacramento, California, September, 1936

The convention was called to order at 10:20 a. m. Monday, September 14, 1936, by Brother Robert L. Ennis, chairman of the local committee of the Sacramento Trades Council, who gave a brief address of welcome on behalf of union labor in Sacramento.

After the invocation by the Rev. Lawrence Wilson of the Pioneer Congregational Church of Sacramento the delegates were accorded the privilege of hearing from various local dignitaries and officials, among whom were Sheriff Cox of Sacramento County and Chief of Police William Hallinan of the City of Sacramento, both of whom assured the delegates to the convention that Sacramento and the respective departments of both of the speakers belonged to the delegates and were at their disposal during the period of the convention. Vice-Mayor W. E. Truesdale of Sacramento addressed the delegates, welcoming them to Sacramento, and reminding them that five of the city's nine councilmen were union labor men and that the mayor, Arthur Ferguson, was business agent of the Plumbers' Union, and that the police chief was a member of the Molders' Union. The delegates next heard from Brother Frank McDonald, who extended the official greetings of the State of California and gave a short and interesting talk on the general situation of labor in California.

The Salinas Strike

Immediately following this the convention was swung into "high gear," due to action taken on telegrams read to the convention by the secretary. The telegrams were from Salinas and dealt with the current strike of the lettuce workers in that vicinity. The telegrams brought an immediate response from the floor of the convention, and upon motion a committee was appointed to investigate the situation and to secure an audience with the governor of the state and protest the activities of the State Highway Patrol and the law enforcement agencies involved in the strike area.

On Tuesday morning, the second session of the convention, Brother Joseph Casey, organizer for the A. F. of L. in California, who had just arrived from Salinas, addressed the convention and gave an account of what was occurring in Salinas. Brother Casey in his talk really struck the keynote of the convention and reflected the attitude of the majority of the delegates present when he referred to the ruthless, arbitrary tactics of the Salinas growers, which exemplified the position of a great number of employers, and an "unseen power" which was co-operating with big industry in an effort to crush labor. Brother Casey's demand that Salinas lettuce be declared "hot cargo," and his statement that "we've got to resort to 'hot cargo,' to the sympathetic strike when they erect barricades against us" was received with thunderous applause from the convention.

It is not the purpose of your delegates to discuss in detail all of the happenings of the convention, but simply to hit the high lights. There has already been printed in the Labor Clarion a report on most of the action. When the Council realizes that there were approximately 280 resolutions before the convention for action they can well appreciate the mass of work placed in the hands of committees, and the militant, progressive temperament of the various delegates thereto.

Sixteen Resolutions on C.I.O.

Among the propositions placed before the convention for action were some sixteen resolutions on the C.I.O. Delegates to the convention were prepared for a long-winded discussion of the merits of both sides of this controversy, but such discussion was forestalled by the action of the resolutions committee in recommending for adoption the one resolution of the lot that did not allow for discussion of the merits or demerits of the case, but protested the action of the American Federa-

tion of Labor executive council because of the menace to the entire labor picture which a split at this time would invite. The recommendation of the committee was received with a spontaneous demonstration on the part of the convention.

Subject of some lengthy debate was a motion to proceed with a recall movement against the governor of the state. This motion was made as a protest against Governor Merriam's attitude in the Salinas strike situation.

Resolutions calling for the repeal of the criminal syndicalism act were approved by the convention.

Some of the other actions of the convention on "policy resolutions" were: Passing of a resolution which reaffirmed California's belief in the innocence of Tom Mooney and calling on the secretary of the State Federation to have local councils create defense committees for the purpose of raising funds for this case; adopted several resolutions dealing with the sale of tear gas bombs and shells and seeking to establish regulations applicable to the sale of same; protesting the actions of vigilante committees in labor difficulties and calling for the setting up of defenses against the same; protesting the activity of the California State Highway Patrol in the strike areas as a violation of the law creating this body, and demanding immediate correction of this menace; increased the per capita tax of the State Federation of Labor from 2 to 3 cents per member for defense purposes; increased the number of vice-presidents of the Federation in several districts for the purpose of increasing organizational activity; recognized the Sailors' Union of the Pacific as the organization representing the sailors of the Pacific Coast, and calling upon the officers of the Federation to use their efforts toward healing the existing breach between the local and the International Seamen's Union; also urged all councils to have agreements of affiliated crafts to expire at the same time; and also adopted a resolution condemning jurisdictional disputes during strike periods.

Indorsement of Roosevelt

Among the several resolutions which received the unanimous acclaim and applause of the convention was the one which indorsed the re-election of Franklin Roosevelt as President of the United States and urged all labor bodies to work in this behalf. Among the legislative subjects favorably acted upon were amendments to the advertising law regarding labor; instructing the legislative committee to prepare and press for passage a state labor relations act to apply to intrastate commerce; insisting upon the enforcement and enlargement of the social security act; protesting the removal of election of judges from the hands of the people; approved the teachers' tenure bill on the November ballot; favored the petitioning of the legislature to enact law prohibiting judges from issuing

temporary or permanent restraining orders until both parties have been given a hearing.

Among the unprecedented but much commented on actions of the convention was the march around the State Capitol building as a protest against the activity of the State Highway Police in the Salinas strike area and against the apathetic attitude of Governor Merriam in this grave situation. The march was very orderly and was well conducted, a committee from the State Federation calling on the governor in his offices to express the views of the convention on the situation.

Officers Elected

The election of officers took a considerable portion of the time of the convention as there were many candidates for several of the offices. For president there were nominated James Hopkins of San Francisco, J. W. Buzzell of Los Angeles, Robert Ennis of Sacramento and J. Shoemaker of San Francisco. After several ballots, in which Brothers Ennis and Shoemaker were eliminated, Brother Buzzell withdrew in favor of Brother Hopkins, who was declared elected. The office of secretary was uncontested and Brother Vandeleur was declared elected. Nominated for vice-presidents of the San Francisco district were the incumbents, Walter Cowan, Joseph McManus and Anthony Noriega, and Lawrence Palacios and Harry Bridges. Brothers Cowan, McManus, Bridges and Noriega were elected to these offices. Brother George Kidwell of San Francisco was elected delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention. Long Beach was chosen as the convention city for 1937.

It is of some importance to note that the delegates went into several night sessions willingly, fully realizing that there was an immense amount of work in front of them and that much was expected from them by the California labor movement in general.

Like all conventions, this 1936 convention of the California State Federation of Labor had its disorganized moments and some confusion due to the heated debate on Salinas and the reports of the several committees on this matter, but there was never a moment in which the delegates were not interested in the subject matters before them, and straining every effort to bring about progressive and lasting benefits to Labor.

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A "Fink" Newspaper

By C. W. PILGRIM, Cooks' Union No. 44

At a recent meeting of the Labor Council the maritime workers' delegates reported on a so-called news sheet which is appearing on the waterfront, calling itself a reflection of the opinions of the "rank and file."

We notice that this same paper is circulating among the culinary unions, and the opinion of the "rank and file" of our membership is that the editor is a liar and the sheet is 100 per cent "fink." It does not reflect the opinions of the average worker on organizational matters. Its articles are either clipped from a regular news service or they are written by a regularly trained newspaper reporter and put up in a news print form. Its stuff comes from Geneva, Washington, the A. F. of L. News Service and from the Labor Clarion of this city.

There is one feature of the October 7 edition which deals with the inner affairs of the culinary workers. In a box heading it states, "Culinary Trades' Executive Board Votes 10 Per Cent Wage Boost," and then goes on to state that our officials do not expect much trouble in enforcing their new wage demands. This is not so, for our officials are not fools, and our past experience with the bosses is that they have always given us plenty of trouble to get anything away from them; and that teaches us to expect plenty of grief before the bosses will grant any of our demands.

Again, this paper is claiming to represent the opinion of the "rank and file" members, and instead gives us what is supposed to be the opinion of the officials. We ask, Who are these officials? Will the paper please give us their names? It quotes Hugo Ernst of Local No. 30 as being confident that no strike will be necessary to enforce our demands. Hugo Ernst denies giving an interview to the publication. We ask, Will the paper give us the name of the person that Hugo Ernst gave authority to print such a statement?

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independent newspaper, and workers are asked to send their names and book numbers. What for? What sap falls for this blacklisting trick? Next, "write anything you want; tell us about your union." In other words, turn yourself into a nice, cheap stool pigeon for the boss. Let him know what you propose to do and how you intend to do it without the boss parting with a cent. How nice and cheap for the bosses who are spending millions for "finks" and spies every month!

The paper has an office at 853 Howard street. What "rank and file" bulletin up to now has had an office outside of the union? None; all they have is a postoffice box address and they are not independent—they depend for support on a particular element in each separate union, and usually concern themselves only with the affairs of one union in which they are circulated. And they don't reflect opinions; they always speak for a certain group for a certain policy. They don't use scissors and paste; they write their articles in their own peculiar way, and you can identify them a mile off.

Where this paper reflects the opinion of workers is in the letters published in the October 7 issue, and they tell the editor to shut up shop and hide himself from honest folks; and the culinary workers tell him the same thing.

Anything we have to say we will say in the Labor Clarion or in our monthly "Journal," or we will issue an official bulletin, and no "finks" will be asked to butt in; instead they will be told to keep out.

This paper has money to spend—for what purpose will it please tell us? Why is it interested in our unions? No one asked for outside independent help. When we want help we appeal to the labor movement through our regular labor channels.

Lastly, a word to the workers who are circulating the sheet: Drop it like a hot potato or you will find yourselves with burnt fingers!

MARITIME OFFICERS' AUXILIARY

A new Women's Auxiliary, to be known as the Maritime Officers' Women's Auxiliary, has been formed and has elected officers and announced meetings. It will be composed of women of the families of members of the Masters, Mates and Pilots Nos. 40, 89 and 90, and the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association. The officers are Mrs. Ann Anderson, chairman; Mrs. Naomi Borison, secretary, and Mrs. Isabel Perry, treasurer.

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Bay Bridge Opening

Grandstand seats for the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opening celebration, November 12, 13 and 14, now are on sale at the Manx Hotel, it is announced by the bridge celebration committee, of which Franck R. Havenner is chairman.

The price of the tickets has been placed at \$2.50 each, entitling the holder to view the two great events of the three-day fiesta, the afternoon parade of Friday, November 13, and the night parade of Saturday, November 14. The stands, now being erected at the Civic Center, will accommodate 40,000 spectators.

On the official opening day, Thursday, November 12, sirens of bay craft, guns, whistles and aerial bombs will announce the cutting of the tape and the moving of traffic on the bridge, and a night display will light the heavens. On Friday night another fireworks show is scheduled, and the scene will be the Marina, where both ground and aerial demonstrations will be given. Saturday night the illuminated parade will present new and startling effects to all beholders. An artificial rainbow will span the bridge each night of the fiesta.

Street decorations in San Francisco are to be in keeping with the general color scheme of the fiesta. Market street will be so decorated as to produce the illusion that it is a part of the Bay Bridge, by the use of thousands of yards of painted canvas, by the erection of pylons to inclose the street light standards, and by fanciful replicas of the great bridges of the world. Market street will be a splash of color by day and a dream of lights at night.

MINERS' CONTRIBUTION

A \$100,000 donation from the United Mine Workers was the largest single contribution to the Democratic campaign fund.

East Bay Fur Strike

International Fur Workers' Union, Local No. 79, of San Francisco and Oakland, has entered the fourth week of its strike against the open-shop conditions in the East Bay area. The union is determined to carry this strike to a victory for the Oakland workers. The strike was declared with the sanction of the East Bay Labor Council, and all activities are being carried on with the heartiest co-operation of Brother Spooner, secretary of the East Bay Labor Council. This strike is also being supported by the International Union and by different locals all over the country. "We urge organized labor not to patronize any of the East Bay furriers," says Gordon Stein, business manager of the union.

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Longshoremen's Notes

By JOHN SCHOMAKER

Chairman I. L. A. Publicity Committee

The San Francisco local of Longshoremen boldly threw overboard the policy of non-political action by concurring in a letter from the Roosevelt-Garner campaign committee. The membership not only answered the request for funds by donating \$750 from the treasury, but authorized the stewards to sell the "I. L. A. Indorses Roosevelt" buttons. The letter pointed out that those elements in American political life which oppose the principles of organized labor also oppose higher wages, shorter hours, abolition of child labor, and security of employment through organization and collective bargaining.

Local No. 38-79 has donated \$75 toward the printing of a pamphlet which District Council No. 2 is now preparing. This pamphlet will fill a vital need in the numerous requests of the general public regarding the present maritime controversy.

"Big Joe" Curran, chairman of the East Coast's Seamen's Defense Committee, was introduced amid thunderous applause to the San Francisco Longshoremen assembled in regular meeting. "Willie Hearst was splitting the Maritime Federation with headlines," said Joe, "so I came out here to see what it was all about." Curran also stated that he came West to bring assurance that the rank and file members of the East Coast will support the West Coast in any and all actions taken. The situation on the East Coast is such that the Boston and Baltimore I. L. A. locals have voted full support to the Pacific. Curran was given a vote of thanks by Local No. 38-79 for the clear explanation of the East Coast situation.

When the Maritime Commission notified the unions last Sunday that their representative, Admiral Hamlet, was not on the Coast to settle the maritime crisis, but to investigate it, the members of the negotiation committees scratched their heads and asked, "Why, then, did Admiral Hamlet propose that all unions renew their agreements for another year?" This same proposal was offered to the unions by the shipowners prior to the arrival of the admiral. It looks very much like the shipowners are using the Maritime Commission representatives to pull chestnuts from the fire. With all the ballyhoo in the press upon the arrival of Admiral Hamlet and the activities of the Maritime Commission representative, it looked very much like the admiral was going to town. But it seems he got detoured on the way. The controversy is back once more in the lap of the Department of Labor. Perhaps Ed McGrady can, backed by the overwhelming strike vote, force the shipowners to avert a strike by granting those fundamental questions on which the unions stand.

In reviewing the situation, it is found that the strategy used by the joint negotiating committee has proved correct. Forcing the shipowners to grant an extension past September 30 was the first step in breaking the united front of the employers. The unions submitted counter proposals with the request that the shipowners put these proposals to a referendum vote of the employers' membership. This the employers refused to do. They feared what the negotiating committee sensed,

that everything was not hunky-dorey on the shipowners' committee. This was later verified when twenty-six companies broke away from the committee dominated by T. G. Plant and offered to settle with the I. L. A. The proposal of the twenty-six companies was useless because it did not take care of the seafaring crafts.

The decision of the joint negotiating committee to poll a coastwise strike vote of all unions was a good one. However, the confusion caused by two of the seafaring crafts, who issued statements that they would await the arrival of the Maritime Commission before instituting such a vote, certainly did not do the unions any good. If all unions, after passing the strike vote resolution in committee, had immediately instituted such a vote, the position which we are now in—that is, the break on the shipowners' committee and the offer to the I. L. A. from the twenty-six companies—would have come days ago, thereby placing us in a position where the unions could have used this, as they are doing now, to bring pressure on the commission and on the employers and possibly have this dispute satisfactorily settled before the deadline, October 28, 1936. However, the strike vote has produced results and may produce more later.

The maritime unions are well organized. We have been assured of support from the East and Gulf coasts. The organized labor movement understands the issues involved. It is safe to say we are in a strong position and the outlook looks very favorable.

There is absolute unity in the Federation among the rank and file. To quote from Brother Bridges' report, "A few individuals will not be allowed to do any harm, as the rank and file of their own unions will see to that."

Community Chest Drive

After exhaustive surveys by budget committees, the goal of the San Francisco Community Chest mercy appeal from November 9 to December 2 has been fixed at \$2,029,809, regarded as the minimum which can meet the needs of the people dependent on Chest agencies during 1937.

W. P. F. Brawner, campaign chairman, made the announcement as preparations were rushed for an intensive drive by 6000 volunteer, unpaid workers.

"Because it is so imperative that the Chest campaign go 'over the top' this year, we have adopted as our slogan: 'San Francisco's Greatest Need—\$2,029,808,'" Brawner said.

"Agencies of the Chest have been on 'starvation diet' for several years. Although their incomes were reduced, it was necessary for them to increase their services at a time when those services were desperately needed. Drastic economies have been required. The number of Chest agencies has been cut from 107 to 88. Buildings and equipment have suffered.

"Government funds provide only necessities for the unemployed. Many out of work long periods break under the strain of idleness and need more than relief. Youth agencies and neighborhood centers must provide recreational activities for those unable to pay for recreation. Demands on Chest hospital and clinics have increased."

BARTENDERS' ANNUAL BALL

The second annual ball of the local Bartenders' Union will be held Friday night, November 20, in the Golden Gate Ballroom. Art Neergard is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

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In the death of John R. McNicoll on October 22 San Francisco Typographical Union suffers the loss of one of its long-time members and the community one of its pioneer employing printers. Brouchial pneumonia was the immediate cause of Mr. McNicoll's death. Mr. McNicoll was born in California more than eighty years ago and had been a resident of San Francisco sixty-eight years. He conducted a printing office at 215 Leidesdorff street and was a member of the Printers' Board of Trade. Mr. McNicoll never married. He was a brother to Mary Isabelle and George W. McNicoll, by both of whom he is survived. His funeral services were at 2 p. m. last Saturday. Cremation was at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park.

Ray Mills, among the oldest of the members of the Progress Printing Company's chapel, passed away in Oakland October 24. Mr. Mills, a native of Iowa, was 69 years old. Of his immediate family who are left to mourn his death are his widow, Mrs. Lottie Mills; two daughters, Mrs. Theresa Ross and Mrs. Florence Foster, and a son, Harry Mills. Besides being affiliated with San Francisco Typographical Union, Mr. Mills held membership in an A. O. U. W. lodge in North Dakota. His services were held last Tuesday at an Oakland mortuary. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. Six of his fellow unionists were the pallbearers.

Mrs. Mary E. Godfrey, widow of Walter H. Godfrey, a member of the Typographical Union who died last August, passed away in Oakland October 25. Mrs. Godfrey, born Mary Edna Baulsir, was a native San Franciscan. Closest of her surviving kin is a sister, Elsa E. Baulsir.

The scale committee of the union is drafting a proposal in counter to the wage revision proposed by the Employing Printers' Association. Members who have amendments to offer or suggestions to make affecting the book and job agreement are invited to place them in the hands of the officers of the union either through the mail or by personal delivery.

The great change that has taken place in industrial conditions as affected by the rising average age of journeymen printers in a single generation

is scarcely realizable. In 1901 the average death-age of I. T. U. members was just under 42. By 1910 it had risen to 46 years, and then began a steeper rise, only slightly affected by the war, which passed 62 years in 1935. One great cause of death in former years which has been minimized was tuberculosis. The rise in death-age means that journeymen are available for work for at least ten or fifteen years longer than they were at the turn of the century, thus affecting the apprentice problem and many other angles.—October "Pacific Printer and Publisher."

John H. Boyd of the Abbott-Brady Corporation Chapel succumbed to a prolonged illness last Monday in Los Altos, Calif., where he had been sojourning several weeks. Mr. Boyd, born in Albany, New York, in 1869, was a monotype operator and had been in the employ of the Abbott-Brady Corporation as such for more than twenty years. He was an athlete of national renown in his younger days, having won many handsome and valuable trophies as a sprinter and bicycle rider in amateur contests. Mr. Boyd was the husband of Mrs. Grace S. Boyd, who survives him. Besides being affiliated with Typographical Union No. 21, Mr. Boyd was a member of American Lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F., the Knights Templar and of Cypress Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., all of Albany, N. Y. His funeral services were yesterday. They were conducted by Parnassus Lodge No. 388, F. & A. M.

R. L. Thomas of the "Chronicle" composing room staff is confined to Veterans' Administration Facility, Fort Miley, with a badly fractured hip, which he suffered when he slipped and fell on a hardwood floor at his home in San Bruno last Sunday night. Mr. Thomas was operated on last Thursday, when a silver pin was inserted in the fractured joint that it may properly knit and hasten its mending. It is believed Mr. Thomas will have sufficiently recovered from the injury and the subsequent operation to receive callers the latter part of next week. A cat of Nubian black must have chased a cross-eyed billy owl under a crooked ladder tilted directly in the path of Thomas since this comment on his luck was made by the author of "Chronicle" Chapel Notes" in the "Run o' the Hook" column of the Labor Clarion two weeks ago: "This gent, 'Bob' Thomas, appears to be a lucky sort of fellow. He attended the card party given by the San Mateo Woman's Auxiliary and came away with two of their prizes. It is suggested that his admission price in the future be doubled." After Thomas' experience, who would dare take the negative side in a debate on the question, "Is Lady Luck a Fickle Dame?"

Charles A. Derry, appointee of Mayor Rossi for membership on the Board of Education, is a member of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21. The mayor's appointments to this board are subject to confirmation by the voters. Mr. Derry's candidacy will be passed upon by the electorate at next Tuesday's election. He was chosen by Mayor Rossi to complete the term of a member who resigned from the board more than a year ago.

The memory test submitted to the readers of this column last week resulted in a pleasing surprise. The test hinged on an important event to be given on a certain date, with the date indicated as a lead to the answer. Correct answers were greater in

number than the incorrect. Some were correct in part only, while others were "way off." The 100 per cent correct answers were delivered in this form: "Occasion—Turkey dinner and whist party to be given by Oakland Woman's Auxiliary No. 26 to Oakland Typographical Union No. 36. Date—November 7, 1936, dinner to be served at 6 and whist to start at 8. Place—Veterans' Memorial Building, 4321 Salem street, Emeryville." Tickets are 85 cents each. They may be purchased of the secretary of the auxiliary, Mrs. D. F. Hurd, 562 Thirty-ninth street, Oakland, or Mrs. H. E. Hardin, 1235 Parker street, Berkeley.

Arrangements for the celebration of its golden jubilee (1886-1936) by Fresno Typographical Union No. 144 on Sunday, November 15, virtually are completed. The event, according to one of the committee which is arranging for it, will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Broadway and Merced street, and will commence with an adjourned meeting of the union at 4 o'clock, at which time old-time members and pensioners, in whose honor the affair is given, will have an opportunity to reminisce. A dinner will be served at 6 o'clock. An entertainment and "gabfest" will fill the hour between 7 and 8 o'clock. After 8 o'clock dancing and cards will be the order, with an opportunity for those who do not indulge in these frivolities to "backcap" down the length of the alphabet. If there are any of the Missouri type that must be shown that Fresno can raise something besides raisins, let them attend this celebration and be convinced. If you've never visited Fresno you've missed seeing one of the prettiest little valley towns in the state. Or if you have a yen for history, go there and you'll find plenty of it. Tickets for Fresno Union's golden jubilee may be obtained of the secretary of San Francisco Typographical Union. Let everybody go who can. You're assured of a mighty good time.

Labor Representation On Board of Education

The president and secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council have sent in the following for publication in the Labor Clarion:

"Members of organized labor and the public generally should not lose sight of the fact that on the ballot they will cast at next Tuesday's election will appear the names of two members of the Board of Education who have been reappointed by Mayor Rossi for full terms beginning next January. The charter of the City and County of San Francisco requires that such appointments must be confirmed by the voters at the next election following the date of appointment. The voter may express himself either 'For' or 'Against' the appointees.

"The members of the Board of Education whose names will appear on the ballot this year are Mrs. Lloyd Dinkelspiel and Charles A. Derry, the latter of whom is editor of the Labor Clarion. Both have served on the board since April of last year, having been appointed to fill vacancies.

"As a member of the Board of Education Mr. Derry has made himself thoroughly familiar with the activities of the Department, and especially those appertaining to labor relations. His interest in and knowledge of labor matters have been of great value in helping to solve numerous problems in which labor was interested.

"As editor of the Labor Clarion for several years he has become widely and favorably known. He should be retained as a member of the board.

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Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

It is now thirteen months since the secretary-treasurer of the M. T. D. U. has published a monthly financial statement in the "Typographical Journal." According to the laws of that organization he is instructed to publish monthly financial statements in that publication. When present M. T. D. U. officers were first campaigning for, and after having been elected to those offices, they promised members a businesslike administration of its affairs. In carrying out—or even attempting to fulfill those promises—they have proved themselves to be greater failures than were their predecessors in those offices. All indications point to dues money paid into the M. T. D. U. being just so much money thrown away. Viewing the matter in this light, doubtless, was one of the main reasons for some fifteen unions seceding from the M. T. D. U. since its present officers first assumed office. Reports that have been issued by M. T. D. U. officers, whose yearly salaries of \$1500 per year, aside from their "other expenses," fail to show where they have accomplished any benefits for their dues-paying membership. Members of the M. T. D. U. should look around the business world and observe the fate of managers and boards of directors of business concerns which show "dividends" to stockholders similar to the dues-paying members of the M. T. D. U. and note the result.

Rumors emanating from an Eastern mailer source are to the effect that members of Kansas City, Mo., Mailers' Union will at an early date debate the question of seceding from the M. T. D. U. Kansas City Union has been one of the M. T. D. U. strongholds. Should the anti-M. T. D. U. forces succeed in gaining the upper hand in that union and put over a vote favoring withdrawal from the M. T. D. U.—or even force a close vote on the question—the fight should disturb the complacency of the M. T. D. U. officers—likewise that also of some foremen of the Kansas City union friendly disposed toward M. T. D. U. officers.

William Johns, who underwent an operation for stomach ailment a few days ago at a local hospital, passed away on October 27. His remains were cremated and shipped to Butte, Mont., for burial. The deceased was well known as a staunch union man. He was a native of Montana and about 50 years of age. Two grown sons and a brother, F. ("Teddy") Johns of this city, besides relatives in Montana, survive him.

Browne and Flore Are Appointed To Federation Executive Council

William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, has made public his letter to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, tendering his resignation as tenth vice-president of the Federation.

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of Hutcheson and Dubinsky the executive council named George E. Browne, president of the International Alliance of Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada, as fourteenth vice-president, and Edward Flore, president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America, as fifteenth vice-president.

'Dead-Man' Control of Street Cars Banned by Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors last Monday adopted an ordinance banning the use of the foot control on one-man street cars.

The enforcement of this ordinance will mean that the operator must keep his hand on the controller bar at all times that his car is in motion. He will not be able to make change, issue transfers and work the gate with both hands unless the car is at a standstill.

Supervisor Havenner, who introduced the ordinance, said it would make for greater safety, as the operator's attention would not be diverted while his car was rolling.

Assistant City Attorney Henry Heidelberg said the company rule on two-man cars is that the motorman must keep his hand on the controller bar at all times the car is in motion, and that on one-man cars the ordinance against conversation with the operator is being flagrantly violated.

\$5000 for Strikers

Negotiations for settlement of the Salinas lettuce strike apparently were at a standstill this week as the American Federation of Labor, at direction of President William Green, sent a check for \$5000 to the striking Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union.

The \$5000 contribution from the American Federation of Labor which came to A. S. Doss, financial secretary of the striking union, was held by strike leaders to be concrete evidence that the national union organization is supporting the strike.

HIRING HALL FOR TEAMSTERS

The new hiring hall of Teamsters' Union No. 85 began operation this week at 536 Bryant street, with Herman Kleist in charge as dispatcher. The telephone number is Sutter 4617, and all employers are requested by John P. McLaughlin, secretary, to place orders for men through the hall.

DEATH OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEE

The recent death of Thomas J. McDermott, subforeman janitor of Galileo High School, was announced at a recent meeting of the Board of Education. He had been employed for fifteen years at Galileo. The board adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory. He was a member of the Civil Service Building Maintenance Employees' Union No. 66.

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S. F. Labor Council

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters phone, MARKET 0056.

Synopsis of Minutes of Meeting Held Friday Evening, October 23, 1936

Called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President E. D. Vandeleur.

Roll Call of Officers—All present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting — Approved as printed in Labor Clarion.

Credentials—United Textile Workers 2532, Florence Sciume and Sonia Haltrun. Delegates seated.

Communications—Filed: Minutes of Building Trades Council. William J. Quinn, chief of police, stating that he has issued instructions to members of his department to enforce the city ordinance relating to operation of street cars. Longshoremen No. 38-79, copy of letter addressed to Secretary Vandeleur of the State Federation of Labor, stating the organization has adopted a resolution to donate \$1000 to the striking fruit and vegetable workers of Salinas at the rate of \$100 a week; also stating rumors have been received of improper conduct of their officials, and asking for an investigation. From C. H. Fry, chief of Bureau of Industrial Accident Prevention, notices of meetings or hearings on proposed safety orders for dust, fumes, vapors and gases, for electric storage battery industry, in Room 219-D State Building, for October 26; for the smelting industry, on October 27; for the foundry industry, on October 29—all meetings commencing at 10 a. m.; all persons, and organizations interested in proposed safety orders requested to attend. Machinists' Lodge No. 264 of Oakland, thanking Council for wholehearted support in its efforts to secure restoration of charter previously revoked by the International Union. San Francisco Building Trades Council, transmitting copy of letter addressed to Golden Gate Highway and Bridge District, favoring early determination of rates of transportation over the bridge.

Referred to Executive Committee: Wage scales and agreements of Cooks' Local 44 and Miscellaneous Employees, before submission to hotels and clubs, other than night clubs. Letters transmitting donations to Mooney Appeal Fund from Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders,

WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize List" of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of Labor Unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it.

Benatar's Cut Rate Drug Store, 807 Market.
By Block Service, Inc., 251 Kearny
California Building Maintenance Co., 20 Ninth.
Clinton Cafeterias.
Co-Op Manufacturing Company.
Curtis Publishing Co., publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."
Don's Dollar Sedan Service, 925 Larkin.
Drake Cleaners, 249 O'Farrell and 727 Van Ness.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Foster's Lunches and Bakeries.
Goldberg, Bowen & Co., grocers, 242 Sutter.
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers overalls and workmen's clothing.
Gordon's Sea Food Grotto, Ferry Building.
Independent Cleaning and Dyeing Works, 245 Van Ness So.
J. C. Hunken's Grocery Stores.
Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom street.
Petri Wine Company, Battery and Vallejo.
Pioneer Motor Bearing Company, Eddy and Van Ness.
San Francisco Biscuit Co. (located in Seattle)
Shell Oil Company
Standard Oil Company.
Van Emon, B. C., Elevators, Inc., 224 Fremont.
All Non-Union independent taxicabs.
Barber shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair

Locals 118 of Akron, Ohio, 359 of International Falls, Minn., and 247 of Des Moines, Iowa.

Resolutions of identical wording submitted by Machinists No. 68, Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders, and Warehousemen, suggesting that the California State Federation of Labor's executive council be called into special session for the purpose of dealing with the Salinas strike, and working out a program leading to a satisfactory settlement. Resolutions adopted, and transmitted to the State Federation officers.

Report of Executive Committee—In the matter of controversy between Photo Engravers No. 8 and the Ritchie Engraving Company, committee recommended that the Council declare its intention to place this firm on the unfair list. In the matter of complaint of Tailors No. 80 against Weinstein Company, Mr. Weinstein stated to committee that in the event he would re-establish the alteration department he would employ union tailors and pay them the recognized scale; also that he had compensated and found employment for some of the men laid off on account of the discontinuance of the alteration department; committee recommended matters be held in abeyance. In the matter of controversy between Auto Mechanics and Levin's Auto Supply, committee recommended that Council declare its intention of placing this firm on the unfair list. Committee indorsed wage scale and agreement of Auto Mechanics with motor car dealers, to take effect on November 1, subject to indorsement of International Union, and the usual conditions. In the matter of complaint of Grocery Clerks against the Safeway Stores, committee recommended that secretary secure a written statement from officials of the company to the effect that there will not be any interference with the organization of their clerks. Recommended that Council declare its intention of placing the La Parisienne on the unfair list (this matter referred to officers for another conference during coming week). In the matter of endeavor on the part of the Optical Workers to enforce their wage scale and agreement, secretary was directed to write to the American Federation of Labor for a blanket strike sanction. Report concurred in.

Reports of Unions—Auto Mechanics stated they have some hope of effecting a settlement with Levin's Auto Supply. Window Cleaners' strike against By Block Service still on, and working successfully. Electrical Workers 151 are still conducting campaign for city distribution of Hetch Hetchy power; request all to ask telephone men for the union button when entering the premises for inspection and repairs. Upholsterers' strike against Kroehler Manufacturing Company here and in Los Angeles still progressing. Joint Board of Ladies' Garment Workers donated to Salinas strike and to Newspaper Guild. Grocery Clerks are conducting organizing meetings and taking in new members from independent stores. Textile Workers thank warehousemen for assisting them in organizing activities, also thank Ladies' Gar-

ment Workers; 400 members have secured an increase in wages. Millinery Workers, at international convention in New York, went on record to reinstate suspended internationals into A. F. of L. Optical Workers reported having rejected offer of employers in regard to wage rates, and will continue conferences with employers. Marine Firemen are conducting a strike vote. Longshoremen will donate to Salinas strikers each week; individual lines are discussing with them regarding conditions and making overtures, but such will not be accepted, as all the maritime unions will stand together; Matson, Dollar and other lines refuse to concede demands of the unions which are of fundamental character and must be acceded to before any extensions of time for negotiation will be accepted, before the time limit fixed, which is October 28; foreign ships are inclined to go along with the unions. Masters, Mates and Pilots are to go along with other unions in this controversy.

Nominations for Delegate to the A. F. of L. convention were made, and the following were nominated: John A. O'Connell, Teamsters No. 85; Fred West of Window Cleaners 44, and John D. Shoemaker, Longshoremen No. 38-79. Nominations closed for the evening, to be reopened next regular meeting of the Council.

Report of Organizing Committee—Recommended that the Council approve the issuance of a charter for Florists and Floral Designers of San Francisco by the A. F. of L. Recommendation concurred in.

New Business—Moved that the name of the By-Block Service be placed on the "We Don't Patronize List." Motion carried.

Receipts, \$614.20; expenditures, \$1021.33.

Council adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

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Culinary Crafts Notes

By C. W. PILGRIM

We have received a letter from David Williams, general organizer for the American Federation of Labor, informing us that the Seagram distillery products are on the unfair list of the American Federation of Labor, due to the fact that they are working their employees at the Calvert distillery, in Baltimore, under rotten conditions for extremely low wages.

Teamsters and Delivery Drivers, when you are out around the West Portal district and want to eat use either Bundy's, at 33 West Portal, or The Bank, at No. 17. Both of these houses are union places. Stay away from the other places. Also our squabble with the boss at No. 2 Rhode Island street has all been ironed out and the house is O. K. with our unions.

Waiters' Union No. 30 reports that it expects to have the Class A wage scale in order at the next regular meeting, after which it will be brought to the Labor Council for approval.

The dance given last Monday in the union headquarters for the benefit of Brother George Coleman, who is sick and unable to work, went over successfully. We desire to express our thanks to all those who attended and helped to make this possible.

Bartenders' Union, Local No. 41, reports that it has put the five-day week into effect for its members.

The Opera House will open up on Friday, October 30, and there will be ten union bartenders on the job.

Members of Local No. 41, attend your business meetings. Your wage scale is up for discussion. Let your officials know your ideas on what your wages should be.

Dixie Dixon is opening a new place in the 1100 block on Market street, but so far has refused

to do any business with our unions. So for the present tell your friends to stay out of the house and maybe the boss will change his mind.

The Palm, at 2496 Third street and 822 Twenty-second street, has been lined up O. K. and both will have our house card on display in the window.

Remember that all Foster's, Clinton's, Pig 'n' Whistles, White Log Coffee Shops and the Roosevelt, at Fifth and Mission streets, are unfair and are not to be patronized by union workers. Always when you make a purchase look for the union card, label and button.

Kansas State Federation of Labor Denies Commending Landon Record

In answer to "many misleading statements" circulated during the campaign just ending the Kansas State Federation of Labor is sending to "all national and international unions, state federations, city centrals and local labor unions" a circular which is in part as follows:

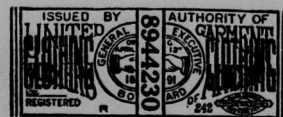
"The August 1 issue of the 'Labor World' of Pittsburgh, Pa., contained the absurd statement that the Kansas State Federation of Labor had commended Governor Landon's labor record. . . . Do not be deceived by newspapers or radio propaganda. The Kansas State Federation of Labor and all organized labor in Kansas have indorsed and are supporting Franklin Delano Roosevelt for reelection."

Another statement contained in the circular is that "Governor Landon is not a friend of labor, and his record in so far as organized labor is concerned has been very unfair. It is a record such as would appeal only to . . . such reactionaries who place property rights above human rights."

The circular is signed by Thomas Crowe, president of the Kansas State Federation of Labor.

Only Authorized Label

Editor Labor Clarion: In conformity with instructions of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor I am officially advising you that the label of the United Garment Workers of America is the only approved union label for men's and boys' ready-to-wear, made-to-measure tailor-to-the-trade clothing—uniforms, pants, collars, shirts of all kinds, pajamas, shorts, bathrobes, white goods, leather-lined coats, play suits, men's and boys' overalls, jackets, wind-breakers and on all similar clothing for men and boys, recognized by the American Federation of Labor. The following is a reproduction of this label:



The Executive Council calls upon the officers and members of organizations affiliated with the American Federation

of Labor to recognize this label only in the purchase of clothing as herein described and to demand goods bearing this label when purchasing clothing upon which this label should appear.

By following out these instructions and by complying with this official request you will be rendering assistance to organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and in addition you will make a contribution to the American Federation of Labor itself.

The executive council most urgently and sincerely appeals to the officers and members of the American Federation of Labor to give recognition to the United Garment Workers of America label and to conform to the official request and instructions herein submitted.

Fraternally yours, WILLIAM GREEN,
President American Federation of Labor.

When one buys sweatshop products he fastens more chains on underpaid women and children.



If you want the money you spend for oleomargarine to go to THIS fellow vote NO on #18.



If you want it to go to an American farmer who will spend it in this country vote YES on #18.

#18 WILL NOT raise the price of oleomargarine. It **WILL** force the manufacturer to use American grown ingredients.

DON'T BE MISLED

Vote Yes on No. 18 next Tuesday. Don't let the title scare you out. It is decidedly misleading.

Although referred to as a tax on oleomargarine, the real purpose of the Act is to tax the cheap foreign oils and fats produced by coolie labor.

This tax does not apply to oleomargarine made of oleo oil, oleo stock, oleo stearine from cattle, neutral lard from hogs, sheep fat, and cottonseed oil, peanut oil, corn oil or milkfat. These fats and oils are produced by American farmers right here at home.

A QUESTION OF AMERICAN LABOR

Surely it is wiser to divert the money you spend for oleomargarine to your fellow Americans, who in turn will spend it for American-made goods, than to natives of the South Seas and to cheap Oriental labor. It is like robbing Peter to pay Paul, to buy foreign fats and oils because they are cheaper, when we are being taxed to support our own farmers on relief who are producing, or can produce, an abundance of fats and oils.

WILL NOT RAISE PRICE

Passage of No. 18 will not raise the price of oleomargarine, but it **WILL** force manufacturers to use American produced ingredients exclusively in all of their product marketed in California.

Fourteen states already have adopted an identical act, and it has been upheld as constitutional.

BY SAM H. GREENE, MANAGER
CALIFORNIA DAIRY COUNCIL

OLEOMARGARINE TAX. Referendum against Chapter 51, Statutes 18 1935.

YES	X
NO	

Los Angeles Re-establishes Bars Against Transients at Borders

Police Chief James E. Davis of Los Angeles has ordered a blockade around the city of Los Angeles to keep unemployed transients out during the winter.

Last year the chief blockaded the entire state border and violent controversy arose over the activities of his "foreign legion."

He has ordered that police vagrancy squad

forces be increased and that men be assigned to guard all entrances to the city and all railroad yards. He recommended that indigent unemployed transients found in the city be sentenced to at least six months at hard labor. He recommended also that Governor Frank F. Merriam establish a state border patrol to keep transients out of the state.

The city border patrol will operate twenty-four hours a day, Chief Davis said.

He instructed Deputy Chief Harry Seager to station men also at Barstow and Colton to check on the number of transients.

DEATHS IN UNION RANKS

The following members of union labor have passed away during the last week: Joseph Arnold, Brewers and Malsters' Union No. 7; Louis Schiele, International Longshoremen's Association No. 38-79; John R. McNicoll, Ray Mills and John H. Boyd, Typographical Union No. 21; Clarence L. Nesbitt, Glaziers' Union No. 718; Charles P. Mazza, Bricklayers' Union No. 7; Magnus Peterson, Marine Cooks and Stewards' Association; William Johns, Mailers' Union No. 18.

VOTERS: You Can and Should Kill This Tax

Defeated once, the old Sales Tax on Food is back again
in disguise... along with *added taxes* on
other necessities of life

On your November ballot, it masquerades as a "Retail Store License"—Proposition #22.

But brought down to cases, it is a hidden sales tax on food and other necessities. A tax for the consumer to pay in higher prices.

It charges individual stores \$1.00 a year for the right to do business. It taxes chain stores \$500.00 for each store over nine. *But it is you who will really pay.*

For, as the U.S. Federal Trade Commission states...

"If the ability to undersell, based on greater efficiency or on elimination of credit and delivery cost, is destroyed by taxation, it is the consuming public which will really pay the tax and not the chain."

Why? Because four out of five chain stores do not make enough profit to cover the tax.

For chain stores operate on a small

profit. They eliminate middlemen's profits and unnecessary in-between expenses. The savings they make by operating efficiently are passed on to you in prices 10% below the average. The Harvard (University) School of Business Research states these to be the facts.

Thus chain stores must raise their prices or go out of business. If they raise prices, you will pay the tax.

If they go out of business, their competitors can raise prices even more—and you will pay.

Further, this tax is admittedly *not* for revenue purposes. It is a subsidy for wasteful business methods—at your expense.

So if you think that chain store competition helps to keep all prices in line with your pocketbook—if you are opposed to higher taxes on foods and other necessities—*vote NO and keep prices low.*

For no matter what name they give it...no matter how cleverly they disguise it...22 is a tax on you—*VOTE NO!*

22 IS A TAX ON YOU—VOTE NO!

RETAIL STORE LICENSE

Referendum against act of Legislature (Chapter 849, Statutes 1935) requiring every person or organization owning, operating or controlling one or more stores, wherein merchandise is sold at retail, obtain annual State license; prescribing fifty cents application fee for each store and one dollar license fee for one store, increasing license fee progressively for second and additional stores to five hundred dollars for each store over nine; excepts filling stations, ice distributing establishments, restaurant facilities of common carriers, newspaper offices, stores wherein sales are incidental to rendering personal service, theatres and motion picture houses.

22

YES

NO

X

CALIFORNIA CONSUMERS CONFERENCE